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"...the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed."

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Dear Commissioners:

It has come to our attention that the Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence – the lobbying and electioneering arm of the Brady Center – has been, for at least the past two weeks, has been expressly advocating the election of various candidates to federal office in communications to the general public (exhibits attached).

The Brady Campaign paid for news releases, sent out over the U.S. Newswire, which charges for its services. These releases were designed to reach beyond Brady Campaign members.

You may recall that in 2003, the Brady Campaign's PAC was fined \$26,000 by the commission for failing to properly disclose some \$200,000 it spent on mailings during the 2000 election cycle that opposed two Republican House candidates, Reps. Ernest Fletcher (R-KY) and Pat Toomey (R-PA).

According to the Public Citizen website, in a report on "The New Stealth PACs," in 2000 and again in 2002, the Brady Campaign reported to the IRS that it had no political expenditures. That is, they insisted that none of their communications was intended to influence the outcomes of any elections.

The attached releases that were sent over the U.S. Newswire during the past two weeks clearly demonstrate that this year, the Brady Campaign is certainly trying to influence the outcomes of elections, and that their efforts have gone beyond the scope of informing their members.

We ask that the FEC consider this a formal complaint, and launch an investigation to determine whether its regulations and federal campaign laws may have been violated by the Brady Campaign.

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We believe the Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence has engaged in prohibited activities, including electioneering on behalf of federal candidates, by expressly advocating the election of federal candidates in communications to the general public, beyond its membership, through what amounts to paid advertising.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Alan M. Gottlieb". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Alan M. Gottlieb, Chairman
Citizens Committee for the Right to Keep and Bear Arms

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Brady Campaign Endorses Chris Smith for ReElection to Congress

11/2/2006 3:19:00 PM

To: State Desk

Contact: Peter Hamm of the Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence, 202-898-0792

WASHINGTON, Nov. 2 /U.S. Newswire/ – Congressman Chris Smith (R-N.J.) today received the endorsement of the Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence, the nation's leading gun violence prevention organization. Smith is running for re-election to a 14th term in New Jersey's 4th Congressional District.

Smith has been a strong supporter of the Brady Law, and fought to pass and renew the Federal Assault Weapons Ban. He has also worked to provide additional resources to help prosecute gun crimes.

"We're very pleased that New Jersey has such a strong supporter of common-sense gun laws," said Paul Helmke, president of the Brady Campaign. "Congressman Chris Smith knows how important it is to keep illegal guns off the streets, and he's committed to fighting the good fight to keep our families and our communities safe."

As the nation's largest, non-partisan, grassroots organization leading the fight to prevent gun violence, the Brady Campaign, working with its dedicated network of Million Mom March Chapters, is devoted to creating an America free from gun violence, where all Americans are safe at home, at school, at work and in our communities.

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Brady Campaign Endorses New York Candidates

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To: State Desk, Political Reporter

Contact: Peter Hamm of the Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence, 202-898-0792

WASHINGTON, Oct. 31 /U.S. Newswire/ – The Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence, the nation's leading gun violence prevention organization, today announced its support for several candidates in New York's general election.

The endorsed Federal candidates are:

U.S. Senate: Hillary Clinton

U.S. House of Representatives:

- Timothy Bishop (1)
- Steve Israel (2)
- Peter King (3)
- Carolyn McCarthy (4)
- Gary Ackerman (5)
- Gregory Meeks (6)
- Joseph Crowley (7)
- Jerrold Nadler (8)
- Anthony Weiner (9)
- Edolphus Towns (10)
- Yvette Clarke (11)
- Nydia Velazquez (12)
- Carolyn Maloney (14)
- Charles Rangel (15)
- Jose Serrano (16)

- Eliot Engel (17)
- Nita Lowey (18)
- Michael McNulty (21)
- Louise Slaughter (28)

The endorsed State candidates are:

Governor: Eliot Spitzer

Attorney General: Andrew Cuomo

"We're very pleased that New York has such strong supporters of common-sense gun laws running for office," said Paul Helmke, president of the Brady Campaign. "These candidates know how important it is to keep illegal guns off the streets and they're committed to fighting the good fight to keep our families and our communities safe."

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Brady Campaign Endorses James Clyburn for ReElection to U.S. House from South Carolina

10/30/2006 12:46:00 PM

To: State Desk

Contact: Peter Hamm of the Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence, 202-898-0792

WASHINGTON, Oct. 30 /U.S. Newswire/ – The Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence, the nation's leading gun violence prevention organization, today announced its support for James Clyburn for re-election to the U.S. House of Representatives from South Carolina.

"South Carolinians are very lucky to have a terrific advocate like Congressman Jim Clyburn working on their behalf," said Paul Helmke, president of the Brady Campaign. "He knows how important it is to keep illegal guns off the streets, and he's fighting to keep our families and our communities safe."

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Brady Campaign Endorses Maryland Candidates

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To: State Desk

Contact: Peter Hamm of the Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence, 202-898-0792

WASHINGTON, Oct. 30 /U.S. Newswire/ – DC - The Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence, the nation's leading gun violence prevention organization, along with its Maryland Million Mom March chapters today announced its support for several candidates in Maryland's general election.

The endorsed Federal candidates are:

U.S. Senate

Ben Cardin

U.S. House of Representatives

Dutch Ruppersberger (2)

John Sarbanes (3)

Albert Wynn (4)

Steny Hoyer (5)

Elijah Cummings (7)

Chris Van Hollen (8)

The endorsed state candidates are:

Governor

Martin O'Malley

Attorney General

Doug Gansler

State Senate

James Robey (13)

Mike Lenett (19)

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Jim Rosapepe (21)

Brian Frosh (16)

State House

William Bronrott (16)

Marilyn Goldwater (16)

Susan Lee (16)

"We're very pleased that Maryland has such strong supporters of common-sense gun laws running for office," said Paul Helmke, president of the Brady Campaign. "These candidates know how important it is to keep illegal guns off the streets, and they're committed to fighting the good fight to keep our families and our communities safe."

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Brady Campaign Endorses Pennsylvania Candidates

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To: State Desk

Contact: Peter Hamm of the Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence, 202-898-0792

WASHINGTON, Oct. 30 /U.S. Newswire/ – The Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence, the nation's leading gun violence prevention organization, along with its Pennsylvania Million Mom March chapters, today announced its support for several candidates in Pennsylvania's general election.

The endorsed Federal candidates are:

U.S. House of Representatives

Robert Brady (1)

Chaka Fattah (2)

Lois Murphy (6)

Joe Sestak (7)

Patrick Murphy (8)

Allyson Schwartz (13)

Michael Doyle (14)

The endorsed state candidates are:

Governor

Edward Rendell

State House of Representatives

Jake Wheatley, Jr. (19)

Dan B. Frankel (23)

Joseph Preston, Jr. (24)

Tim Hennessey (26)

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Ronald I. Buxton (103)

Robert L. Freeman (136)

Anthony J. Melio (141)

Lawrence H. Curry (154)

Carole A. Rubley (157)

Thaddeus Kirkland (159)

Bryan Lentz (161)

Marie deYoung (163)

Brendan Boyle (170)

Angel Cruz (180)

Babette Josephs (182)

Robert C. Donatucci (185)

Harold James (186)

James R. Roebuck, Jr. (188)

Kathy M. Manderino (194)

John Myers (201)

Mark B. Cohen (202)

Dwight Evans (203)

State Senate

Christine M. Tartaglione (2)

LeAnna Washington (4)

Anthony H. Williams (8)

"We're very pleased that Pennsylvania has such strong supporters of common-sense gun laws running for office," said Paul Helmke, president of the Brady Campaign. "These candidates know how important it is to keep illegal guns off the streets, and they're committed to fighting the good fight to keep our families and our communities safe."

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Brady Campaign Endorses Colorado Candidates

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To: State Desk

Contact: Peter Hamm of the Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence, 202-898-0792

WASHINGTON, Oct. 18 /U.S. Newswire/ – The Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence, the nation's leading gun violence prevention organization, along with its Colorado Million Mom March Chapters, today announced its support for candidates in Colorado's general election.

The Endorsed Federal Candidates Are:

U.S. House of Representatives

Diana DeGette (1)

Ed Perlmutter (7)

The Endorsed State Candidates Are:

State House of Representatives

Jeanne Labuda (1)

Mike Cerbo (2)

Anne McGihon (3)

Jerry Frangas (4)

Andrew Romanoff (6)

Terrance Carroll (7)

Rosemary Marshall (8)

Alice Borodkin (9)

Alice Madden (10)

Paul Weissmann (12)

Claire Levy (13)

Gwyn Green (23)

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Andrew Kerr (26)

Debbie Benefield (29)

Mary Hodge (30)

John Soper (34)

Cherylin Peniston (35)

Morgan Carroll (36)

Joe Rice (38)

Nancy Todd (41)

Jim Riesberg (50)

Randy Fischer (53)

Rafael Gallegos (62)

State Senate

John Morse (11)

Joan Fitz-Gerald (16)

Betty Boyd (21)

Paula Sandoval (34)

"We're very pleased that Colorado has such strong supporters of common-sense gun laws running for office," said Paul Helmke, President of the Brady Campaign. "These candidates know how important it is to keep illegal guns off the streets, and they're committed to fighting the good fight to keep our families and our communities safe."

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Brady Campaign Endorses Hawaii Candidates

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To: State Desk, Political Reporter

Contact: Peter Hamm of the Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence, 202-898-0792

WASHINGTON, Oct. 18 /U.S. Newswire/ – The Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence, the nation's leading gun violence prevention organization, today announced its support for several candidates in Hawaii's general election.

The endorsed federal candidates are:

U.S. Senate

Daniel Akaka

U.S. House of Representatives

Neil Abercrombie (1)

Mazie Hirono (2)

"We're very pleased that Hawaii has such strong supporters of common-sense gun laws running for office," said Paul Helmke, president of the Brady Campaign. "These candidates know how important it is to keep illegal guns off the streets, and they're committed to fighting the good fight to keep our families and our communities safe."

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Brady Campaign Endorses Florida Candidates

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To: State and City Desks

Contact: Peter Hamm of the Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence, 202-898-0792

WASHINGTON, Oct. 18 /U.S. Newswire/ – The Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence, the nation's leading gun violence prevention organization, along with its Florida Million Mom March Chapters, today announced its support for candidates in Florida's general election.

The endorsed federal candidates are:

U.S. Senate

– Bill Nelson

U.S. House of Representatives

– Kathy Castor (11)

– Robert Wexler (19)

– Debbie Wasserman Schultz (20)

– Ron Klein (22)

– Alcee Hastings (23)

"We're very pleased that Florida has such strong supporters of common-sense gun laws running for office," said Paul Helmke, president of the Brady Campaign. "These candidates know how important it is to keep illegal guns off the streets, and they're committed to fighting the good fight to keep our families and our communities safe."

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Brady Campaign Endorses California Candidates

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To: State Desk, Political Reporter

Contact: Peter Hamm of the Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence, 202-898-0792

WASHINGTON, Oct. 18 /U.S. Newswire/ – The Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence, the nation's leading gun violence prevention organization, along with its California Million Mom March Chapters, today announced its support for candidates in California's general election.

The endorsed federal candidates are:

U.S. Senate

Dianne Feinstein

U.S. House of Representatives

Doris Matsui (5)

Lynn Woolsey (6)

George Miller (7)

Nancy Pelosi (8)

Barbara Lee (9)

Ellen Tauscher (10)

Tom Lantos (12)

Pete Stark (13)

Anna Eshoo (14)

Mike Honda (15)

Zoe Lofgren (16)

Sam Farr (17)

Lois Capps (23)

Brad Sherman (27)

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Howard Berman (28)

Adam Schiff (29)

Henry Waxman (30)

Xavier Becerra (31)

Hilda Solis (32)

Diane Watson (33)

Lucille Roybal-Allard (34)

Maxine Waters (35)

Jane Harman (36)

Juanita Millender-McDonald (37)

Grace Napolitano (38)

Linda Sanchez (39)

David Roth (45)

Loretta Sanchez (47)

Francine Busby (50)

Bob Filner (51)

Susan Davis (53)

The endorsed state candidates are:

Attorney General

Jerry Brown

State Assembly

Patty Berg (1)

Noreen Evans (7)

Dave Jones (9)

Mark DeSaulnier (11)

Mark Leno (13)

Loni Hancock (14)

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Gene Mullen (19)

Alberto Torrico (20)

Ira Ruskin (21)

Sally Lieber (22)

Joe Coto (23)

John Laird (27)

Pedro Nava (35)

Lloyd E. Levine (40)

Mike Feuer (42)

Paul Krekorian (43)

Fabian Núñez (46)

Karen Bass (47)

Mervyn M. Dymally (52)

Betty Karnette (54)

Lori Saldaña (76)

State Senate

Darrell Steinberg (6)

Gilbert Cedillo (22)

Gloria Romero (24)

"We're very pleased that California has such strong supporters of common-sense gun laws running for office," said Paul Helmke, president of the Brady Campaign. "These candidates know how important it is to keep illegal guns off the streets, and they're committed to fighting the good fight to keep our families and our communities safe."

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Brady Campaign Endorses Arizona Candidates

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To: State and City Desks

Contact: Peter Hamm of the Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence, 202-898-0792

WASHINGTON, Oct. 18 /U.S. Newswire/ – The Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence, the nation's leading gun violence prevention organization, along with its Arizona Million Mom March Chapters, today announced its support for several candidates in Arizona's general election.

The endorsed federal candidates are:

U.S. House of Representatives

- Ed Pastor (4)
- Raul Grijalva (7)

"We're very pleased that Arizona has such strong supporters of common-sense gun laws running for office," said Paul Helmke, president of the Brady Campaign. "These candidates know how important it is to keep illegal guns off the streets, and they're committed to fighting the good fight to keep our families and our communities safe."

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